



Population Health Webinar Notes

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The Johnson County Department of Health and Environment and the KDHE Syndromic Surveillance Program are promoting the 2018 Kansas Infectious Disease Symposium to be held May 10th and 11th.

This symposium will bring partners and stakeholders from Kansas and neighboring states to the Kansas City region to discuss infectious disease outbreaks and their surveillance, detection, and investigation.

There will also be specific syndromic surveillance-related discussion, presentations, and trainings hosted during the conference. In particular, please note the Pre-Conference Surveillance Training to be hosted by KSSP and focus on syndromic surveillance tools and practices.

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The Environmental Public Health Tracking Program has published a new report on hypothermia-related deaths.

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And on winter-weather related injuries.

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Public Health Informatics has published a report on Infant Mortality and Stillbirths in Kansas, 2016.

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Five new hospital discharge indicators are being posted tonight to Kansas Health Matters.

All indicators now have Kansas Information for Communities (KIC) as the data source.

- Injury Hospital Admission Rate
- Heart Disease Hospital Admission Rate
- Congestive Heart Failure Hospital Admission Rate
- Pneumonia (Bacterial) Hospital Admission Rate
- Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD) Hospital Admission Rate

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The Kansas Syndromic Surveillance Program is now working with about 12 local health departments to enable them to query emergency department data in the ESSENCE application. If you have not signed a data use agreement and are interested, contact Greg Crawford at 785-296-1531

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Kansas is reporting widespread activity in all regions of the state and overall, influenza-like illness is high as reported by our ILI-net sites.

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Similarly, the percentage of emergency department visits for influenza-like illness, as reported through our syndromic surveillance system, is very high.

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Currently the predominant circulating strain of influenza this year is H3N2 which can historically lead to a more severe influenza season and historically the influenza vaccine is approximately 33% effective at preventing illness but can reduce the severity of the disease.

It is not too late to receive the influenza vaccine and as always stay home when you are sick and wash your hands frequently.

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The Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) continues to receive reports of acute parotitis with suspicion of mumps. During the previous two influenza seasons, several hundred cases of confirmed influenza infection with parotitis were reported to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). In addition, during Kansas' mumps outbreaks in 2017, 25% of persons tested negative for mumps but positive for another respiratory virus, including influenza A, rhinovirus/enterovirus, coronavirus, and influenza B.

Currently influenza and other respiratory virus activity is high and no confirmed cases of mumps have been reported in Kansas since August 2017. KDHE and CDC urges providers to test patients with parotitis for influenza, other respiratory viruses, as well as mumps by PCR to ensure a correct diagnosis can be made.

If a healthcare provider highly suspects mumps (recent travel to an area with reported cases of mumps or unvaccinated), contact the KDHE epidemiology hotline within 4 hours at (877) 427-7317.

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The Kansas Department of Health and Environment, Division of Public Health, Bureau of Epidemiology and Public Health Informatics will conduct a public hearing at 10 am on Feb 21, 2018 at the Curtis State Office Building to consider the proposed regulations for disease reporting, isolation and quarantine, and rabies control. For more information and for a copy of the proposed changes refer to the following website.

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Bureau of Health Promotion

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Just a reminder the Community Health Promotion Summit is coming up next week.

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The Kansas Cancer Partnership recently held a meeting on January 10th in Topeka. During the meeting, there were several partner updates from the both workgroups and regional coalitions. A highlight of the meeting for many was the Panel on different perspectives of Telemedicine across the state. IF you missed it be sure to check out the NEW Kansas Cancer Partnership website to see the meeting notes and slides.

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While you're on the Kansas Cancer Partnership website why not order materials especially if you need colorectal cancer resources just go to the website kscancerpartnership.org click resources and click 2017 Colorectal Cancer Materials Order form, follow the instructions on the top of the order form page for submission.

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The Kansas Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program allows for low income seniors to get vouchers that they can use to buy fresh fruits and vegetables. All new farmers interested in receiving those vouchers must take part in a face to face or webinar training for all new farmers wishing to become Certified. The following are the locations days and times in which the face to face trainings are taking place. All returning Certified farmers are encouraged to attend a face to face or webinar training, but are only required to review the 2018 Training slides individually. All farmers (new or returning) must also submit an annual agreement with KDHE to participate.

Webinars are also an option. Have questions contact Emily Carpenter. For more information and registration visit the first link; for links to the archived training and agreements visit the second link.

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Mark your calendars Tuesday, March 6 is Kick Butts Day. Kick Butts Day is an opportunity for youth to speak out against the tobacco industry, educate others about the dangers of tobacco use, and urge elected officials to create policies that protect youth from tobacco industry influence and prevent youth initiation to tobacco use.

Resist our very own Kansas youth-led activism group with representatives from across the state are calling on everyone to This year, Resist is hosting a Kick Butts Day event at the Kansas Capitol on March 6 from 9:30 am – 3:30 pm. Youth advocates will receive an advocacy-101 training, take part in a social media scavenger hunt, and can speak with their local legislator about tobacco-related issues and policies. Attendees can register using the link provided. More questions contact Jordan Roberts.